



# Fish and Wildlife Conservation

How Fish and Wildlife Dollars Are Used in Your Backyard

## Green Lake County

### ***County characteristics***

- 354 sq. mi.
- 19,105 residents live in Green Lake County
- Lands: Farmland and scattered woodlands interspersed with large lakes and large wetland areas
- Waters: Warm-water streams and rivers; 11 lakes including the deepest lake in the state; four cold-water, trout streams
- Many nonresidents own shoreline and use the larger lakes



### ***State Land Open to Hunting and Fishing***

- 18,217 acres of state land including wildlife and fisheries areas, water access areas, and state natural areas
- Over 17,000 acres open to hunting

Locate DNR properties at:

[http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/dnr\\_land\\_mapping.html](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/dnr_land_mapping.html)

### ***Fish, Wildlife & Law Enforcement Staff serving you***

- 3 Wildlife Biologists; 2 Fisheries Biologists; 2 Conservation Wardens
- Berlin office: 120 N. Pearl St., Berlin
- Montello office: 363 Church St. Hwy. 22N, Montello
- Staff also serve portions of Fond du Lac, Marquette, and Waushara Counties.

### ***Activities Funded by Your Hunting and Fishing Dollars***

- Restore and manage wetland habitat for ducks and other wildlife species on two large wildlife areas. Restore and maintain prairie and savanna habitat for turkeys, nesting birds and other wildlife. Control exotic, invasive species from degrading native wildlife habitat.
- Maintain 75 parking lots and 2.5 miles of roads for hunting, fishing, and trapping access to state wildlife areas.
- Post boundaries to define lands open to public use.
- Maintain 3,000-acre waterfowl refuge at Grand River Marsh Wildlife Area to attract ducks and Canada geese for fall hunting in the area.
- Warden finds game violations such as hunting ducks over live decoys and over-bagging pan fish (one person with 835!).
- Local warden organized a volunteer group to guard spawning sturgeon on the Fox River.

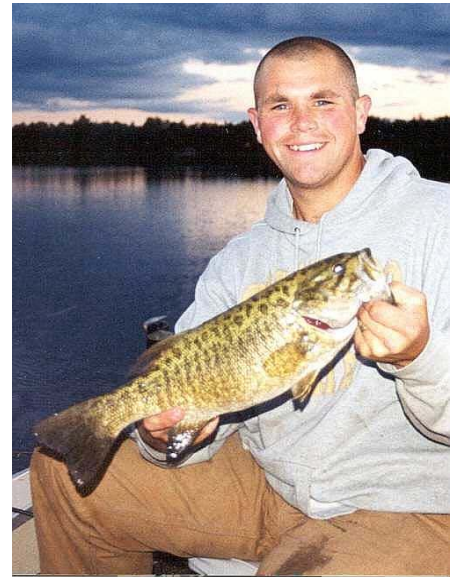


*Activities continued...*

- Perform population surveys to monitor local wildlife populations such as deer & ducks.
- Perform fish population surveys and monitoring
- Warm and cold water fish stocking
- Fish habitat protection and improvement including walleye spawning marshes and sturgeon spawning enhancement
- Provide educational programs for schools, conservation organizations and civic groups.

### **Green Lake County Conservation Snapshots**

- 9** Nine, State-operated Boat Access Sites
- 14** ALIS-License Agents Supported
- 25-30** Hot-line Complaints Annually
- 6** Six Deer & Turkey Registration Stations
- Shore Fishing At Fox River Locks Sites



### **Fish & Wildlife Stocking Summary**

- Lake Puckaway has been stocked with over 1.5 million walleye fry.
- Big Green Lake has been stocked with 30,000 Lake Trout & Seeforellen Brown Trout
- Two Public Hunting Grounds are stocked with 900-1,000 pheasants annually.

### **County Success Stories**

- DNR has partnered with the National Wild Turkey Federation and Wings Over Wisconsin to provide seed for prairie restorations on private lands in the county to benefit turkeys, pheasants and other wildlife using grassland habitat.
- Removal of the dam at "White River Lock" has re-opened 20 miles of the Fox River to unobstructed fish movement and navigation.
- Seeforellen brown trout stocking in Big Green Lake has added another species to this already unique cold water fishery.

### **Statewide challenges to maintaining your hunting and fishing opportunities**

- Without a fee increase as proposed by Governor Doyle, the Department of Natural Resources will be forced make numerous cuts in:
  - Fish and wildlife stocking programs: Conservation law enforcement; Public hunting acres; Fish and wildlife field biologists and Customer services
- Keeping upland, shoreline and aquatic habitat intact and functional
- Multiple user conflicts - Increasing pressure on public lands
- Rapid growth – urban sprawl
- Nuisance wildlife and invasion by non-native species

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